

Odo, count of Paris, was elected French  
king.

Permanent separation of France  
from Empire.

In India, the Chola line, an ancient TAMIL  
dynasty from India's southeastern coast,  
had lain in obscurity for centuries when  
it rose again late in the 9th cen to  
overthrow the Pallavas, who had created  
united kingdoms in the south. Continenally  
was thus preserved in the south, while the  
north, after the high achievements of  
the Gupta era, fragmented into small  
states and was subject to Muslim

raids from central Asia. The peak of the Chola rule came in the reigns of RAJARAJA I (r 985-1014) and RAJENDRA I (r 1014-42) when Ceylon (the island) was added to the empire, Bengal invaded, and farmlands occupied, and a naval expedition sent to colonize (unsuccessfully) Malaya, Burma, & Sumatra. Hinduism blossomed. The great temple BRAHMESWARA, a masterpiece of Dravidian style, was built at the capital, TANJORE (now Thondjeru) in the 11th cen.